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What's our church on about?

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I sat in a church staff meeting and we came back—as we must—to that question that all true churches should ask themselves on a regular basis: what's our church on about?

I scribbled down a four-parter in descending order of importance, and share it here for what it is worth. That may not be a lot, given that it took all of one minute and thirty seconds to get it onto a scrap of paper, and people kept saying things that I hadn't thought of as I wrote. But here we go.

In our church, we are on about:

1. The Glory of God
2. revealed only in the Cross of Christ
3. through the preaching of the Bible by his disciples
4. under the oversight of one human leader.

That fourth point, while not unimportant, is mainly there because we are Anglican (US = Episcopalian, UK = Church of England), so insert [the church leadership structure of your own choosing \(<http://www.gnpceb.org/esv/search/?q=1+tim+3>\)](http://www.gnpceb.org/esv/search/?q=1+tim+3). Also realize that, as I am not that leader in our church, the statement is likely not worth the paper it's not written on.

I don't have the time to do a Baddeley and actually tell you what I mean by each word in each statement. Nonetheless, feel free to use the comments to tell me what I've missed in outlining what any good local church should really be about.

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